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Influenza A H1N1 Advisory

Highlights:

- A CDC 24/7 clinician support line (404-368-2133) is available to provide clarification on CDC guidance concerning pregnant women and offer clinical consultation with a board-certified OB/GYN.
- If you are caring for any pregnant or immediately postpartum women who are admitted to an intensive care unit for treatment of any type of influenza, please call the NC DPH epidemiologist on-call at 919-733-3419 to report the case.
- Since pregnant women are at higher risk for severe complications and death from influenza, including both H1N1 influenza and seasonal flu, NC DPH wants to alert clinicians to the following resources:
 - A CDC 24/7 clinician support line (404-368-2133) is available **to clinicians only** to provide CDC guidance concerning pregnant women.
 - Extensive guidance regarding the care and treatment of pregnant women is available at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinician_pregnant.htm .
 - o A guide for pregnant women and parents is available at www.flu.nc.gov.
- NC DPH is working closely with CDC to monitor severe influenza infection in pregnant and postpartum women.
 - If you are caring for any pregnant or immediately postpartum women (within 6 weeks of delivery) who are admitted to an intensive care unit for treatment of any type of influenza, please call the NC DPH epidemiologist on call at 919-733-3419 to report the case.
 - Please remember that clinicians are required by North Carolina law to report all influenza-associated deaths to their local health department. In Mecklenburg County, reports can be made to 704.336.2817.

For more information, contact the H1N1 call line at 704-432-3600.